

AMENDMENTS TO IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, lines 6-12, with the following amended paragraph:

The present application claims the benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/223,087, of the same title, filed August 4, 2000, to Chu, Jaswa, and Chaganty, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application[[s]] No. 09/921,460 entitled "High Performance Server Farm With Tagging and Pipelining" and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/921,832 "Non-Intrusive Multiplexed Transaction Persistency in Secure Commerce Environments", both of which are filed concurrently herewith and have the same named inventors as the present application.